O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy Name
in all the earth:
who hast set thy glory above the heavens

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Gracious Lord, we are grateful for the Holy Scriptures which reveal the way in which Thou hast conquered evil through amazing love and made our salvation possible through Thy Son, Jesus Christ.Amen

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THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Uwe Clausen to the Glory of God and in honor of the second birthday of their daughter, Heidi.

We rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mabbott and Mr. and Mrs. J. Leslie Houston upon the birth of daughters this past week.

We are happy again to acknowledge the service rendered our congregation by George Crail, as supply preacher, praying for all who share in worship the most enriching experience of knowing Christ Jesus.

Your Pastor and family will return from a vacation period at the end of this week, with the Pastor resuming preaching responsibilities next Sunday.

We extend a sincere greeting to all our guests at worship, asking each one to sign the Guest Book in the narthex. Do not hesitate to take as many of the post-cards of the church as desired.

In this vacation period, are you taking the usual time for daily family devotions? Booklets offered to each family, a few of which are still available at the Guest Book desk, are excellent tools to use with the Bible.

Wherever you may go in this vacation time, don't neglect the regular habit of attending church where you are, so that there may be steady growth in God's holy way for all the family.

ORGANIST - Miss Karen Marsh

GREETERS	8:30	Mr. and Mrs. John Miller
	11:00	Mr. and Mrs. John Hill
ACOLYTES	8:30	Gary Kepple
	11:00	Darry Allison
NURSERY	8:30	Mrs. George Kepple, Jeannie Kepple
	11:00	Mrs. Gerald Markle, Jane Crail, Barbara Crail

An Addition and An Alternative

Many of the pastors and laymen who are now using the *Service Book and Hymnal* are not aware of the changes which have been made in the assignment of scripture passages for use in our worship services. For example, look at the lessons appointed for today, the Ninth Sunday after Trinity. In both the *Common Service Book* of the former United Lutheran Church in America and *The Hymnal and Order of Service* of the former Augustana Lutheran Church, the Epistle lesson for today was 1 Corinthians 10:6-13, and the Gospel lesson was Luke 16:1-9. The SBH adds an Old Testament lesson, as it does for every Sunday and festival day, but there are other changes. In the new book, the Epistle lesson is 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 and an alternate Gospel lesson—Luke 15:11-32—is given in addition to Luke 16:1-9.

Why were these changes made? We all understand that the Old Testament lessons were added so that this part of the Bible would not be forgotten or ignored. But why the other changes?

The reasons are practical ones. The former Epistle lesson began with the words "Now these things were our examples." What things? "These things" are the ones mentioned in 1 Corinthians 10:1-5. This passage was read as part of the Epistle lesson for Septuagesima Sunday 26 weeks ago. To make sense, then, the editors of the SBH began the Epistle lesson for today with 1 Corinthians 10:1 instead of 10:6.

The Gospel lesson from Luke 15 was added as an alternate reading for two practical reasons. 1) The Luke 16:1-9 passage is the parable of the unjust steward. It is one of the most difficult parables to understand. 2) The Luke 15:11-32 passage is the parable of the prodigal son, one of the clearest parables, yet it appears nowhere in the historic lectionary. The editors of the SBH felt that this was a good place to insert this fine parable.

The SBH is not alone in making these changes. European Lutherans have made them too. Episcopalians and the Scottish Church have even replaced the parable of the unjust steward with the parable of the prodigal son in their lectionaries.

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